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SANTA'S COMING

Have your digital picture taken with Santa Claus from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Tuesday on the second floor of Vogel Library. The cost is $1 per person, with a two picture maximum. Bring your friends, significant others, kids, moms and dads. All proceeds go toward the Wartburg College Toronto service trip.

CHRISTMAS 2000

Iowa Public Television will re-broadcast Christmas with Wartburg 2000, "A Rose Shall Spring Forth From the Root of Jesse," at 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 23. It was taped at the Civic Center of Greater Des Moines in 2000. To see a photo from Christmas with Wartburg 2002, see page 4.

NEED TO BUY A GIFT?

The Psychology Club is selling Cookies in a Jar for $7. You can choose between chocolate chip cookie ingredients or oatmeal cookie ingredients. The jars are decorated and would be a great gift for a mom, significant other's mom, a friend or even your roommate. Contact Tina at Ext. 7854 or e-mail Tina.Ellingson.

STUDENT PAYCHECKS

Student paychecks will be available Friday. Please have your student ID with you.

QUICK FACT

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

Dec. 10, 1869, the Wyoming Territory passed a law that gave women voting rights.

This was the first time a law explicitly giving women the right to vote was passed in the United States. Women did not receive suffrage rights on the federal level in the United States until the passage of the 19th amendment in 1920.

"This Week in History" is provided courtesy of the Wartburg History Club.

FBI goofed, alum says

By AMY WINEINGER
Features Editor

FBI special agent and Wartburg alumna Coleen Rowley spoke Wednesday to professor Karen Thalacker's Constitutional Law class and other invited guests.

In June, Rowley, chief counsel of the Minneapolis office, wrote a 13-page memo to FBI Director Robert Mueller, members of the Senate Judiciary Committee and certain senators criticizing the FBI for its failure to respond and blatant disregard for signs that could have led to the unfolding of the 9/11 plot.

Rowley, a native of New Hampton, spoke to the group about the details surrounding the memo, her personal feelings on the Constitution's downfalls and her experience at Wartburg.

Spurring a national investigation into the FBI's actions and mistakes was not her first whistle-blowing experience. Rowley first learned to stand up for what she believes here at Wartburg.

Pre-Title IX days, Rowley and seven of her friends formed the first women's track and field team to compete for Wartburg.

"We were all terrible and lost both meets we competed in," Rowley said.

Even though a formal women's team was not formed until years later, today Rowley remains a fan of Wartburg's runners. She even went to the Division III Cross Country National Championships Nov. 23.

"I don't have the speed of Missy Buttry," Rowley said. "I went into races knowing I'd lose, but trying is more important. Trying is everything."

Retired cross country coach John Kurtt knew Rowley was an inspiring person while she was at Wartburg.

"She was a tremendous competitor who challenged other people and herself in practice," Kurtt said. "You never had to tell her what to do."

Rowley graduated from Wartburg in 1977. She still remains in contact with the best friend she had here.

Rowley and her husband, Ross, live in Apple Valley, Minn. She may be an FBI agent, but Rowley's role as a protective mother to her four children tends to dominate.

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SPECIAL GUEST—Coleen Rowley '77, speaks to the Constitutional Law class.

"We watched our children get onto the school bus at the end of the cul-de-sac every day," Rowley said. "We were terrified they would be kidnapped."

Rowley also spoke to the group about working for the FBI.

"The money is not great. You can start at about $43,000," Rowley said. "But it is great work."

After 22 years of working for the FBI, Rowley still has passion and enthusiasm for her job, but she admits that her work challenges her morals.

"Legal and moral ethics are pulling apart," Rowley said.

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For complete Rowley story, see Pages 6 and 7.

Matthias changes jobs, but not locations

By KATIE HARTMAN
Senior Writer

In January, Wartburg will have a new director of alumni, Brent Matthias.

Matthias will be replacing Jan Striepe, who will retire at the end of fall term. Striepe, a Wartburg graduate, has served Wartburg for 28 years.

Matthias does not look at his job change as replacing Striepe.

"There's no way anyone can replace Jan," Matthias said. "She's a Wartburg legend."

Matthias looks at the opportunity as a chance to build onto the tradition and foundation Striepe has established.

Matthias, currently the associate director of admissions, has been at Wartburg for five years.

But his journey to the college is an interesting one.

Matthias, a Denver, Iowa, native, came from a family of Wartburg grads.

"I always said 'I'm not going to Wartburg,'" Matthias said.

But after a campus visit he fell in love with the campus and decided to give Wartburg a try. He graduated from Wartburg with a degree in communications and landed his first job as a news and sports anchor for KWWL.

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TIME FOR A CHANGE—Brent Matthias (left) will be taking Jan Striepe's job as director of alumni. Pictured at right is freshman Emily Barnd.

With his wife/high school sweetheart attending graduate school in San Antonio, Texas, Matthias didn't want to be apart from her much longer, so he made the move down south. There, he became an announcer for water-ski shows at the world's largest marine park: Sea World of Texas.

"It was a blast," Matthias said. "I met a lot of great people."

During his time at Sea World, a talent scout recruited Matthias to be the first American to host the International all-star water-ski show in Sydney, Australia. With his wife finishing up graduate school in San Antonio, he made the move to Australia alone and became a part of The Greatest Show on H20.

Again, missing his wife, Matthias decided he was done traveling. But the adventure was far from over. He took a job in Branson, Mo., where he was the host and M.C. (which included riding a horse and singing) for Dolly Parton's dinner show "Dixie Stampede."

"I loved the opportunity," he said. But both he and his wife wanted to start a family and move closer to home, which brought him back to Wartburg's admissions office.

Matthias said he loves "working with people who have the same feeling about Wartburg as you do."

Striepe agrees with Matthias. She said she will miss the students and all of her wonderful co-workers when she leaves Wartburg.

Matthias looks forward to getting people excited about coming back to Wartburg.

Striepe is looking forward to becoming a "traveling grandmother."

"It's been a wonderful 28 years," Striepe said. "Wartburg will always be my school."

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Convos not 'Magic'

By MATT TOWNSLEY
Columnist

Drake University recently had Ervin "Magic" Johnson speak on campus. How many of us wish a similar figure would be present at one of Wartburg's esteemed convocations?

When looking down the 2002-2003 convocations schedule one will find names like Ken Reardon from Cornell University, Dr. John Roth from Claremont McKenna College and Clayton Anderson, a NASA astronaut. While these men are all respected individuals in their fields, how many Wartburg students legitimately desire to hear what they have to say?

Some students, including myself, have been required to attend these convocations and journal or complete worksheets for a class. A few faculty members, who I will refrain from naming, have voiced their concern for the reflections they are given describing the boredom and lack of interest these speakers and their topics bring to Tuesday mornings.

Logically, it seems like one of two things is going on. The first possibility is the student body has never heard of the keynote speaker, so they have preconceived negative notions when they arrive at 9:30 a.m. The other possibility is the topics themselves are of little interest to the student body, so they also have preconceived notions when they take their places in Neumann Auditorium.

To help decide which of these two was probably more important, I thought to myself, "Which convocation has been talked about the most in my years at the Wart and why?" Of course it was Herman Boone. Nearly everyone had seen or heard about "Remember the Titans," the movie based on his coaching. It was so popular I sat in the balcony that day!

I understand we are a much smaller institution than Drake is and thus on a smaller budget, so we probably won't be able to reel in speakers such as Magic Johnson or Paul Simon.

It's interesting to note, however, that Buena Vista, a college similar in size, has had Colin Powell, Madeleine Albright, and George H.W. Bush in for their lecture series. These are all names I presume Wartburg students recognize, relate to and would joyfully get out of bed to hear speak.

I propose the current convocation series has been enervated by the quantity of speakers instead of strengthened by quality speakers students have an interest in. This fulmination does not come without research—according to Dan Hansen, a senior on the convocations committee, changes are in the making. I'm told the convocations committee is seeking out suggestions from both students and faculty for lectures in the future. They are also considering reducing the number of speakers with the hope of making them more attractive to students. What a stellar idea!

In fact, this is one of the many ways Wartburg students have been given opportunities to be a part of the decision-making process. Too many times students feel their voices aren't heard. Whether it's the voice of Student Senate or even through an op-ed piece in the Trumpet, opportunities exist.

I can think of numerous examples recently where student suggestions and input were maximized for the better of the college: i.e. we now have newspapers in our residence halls every weekday morning as well as a frisbee golf course, just to name a few.

ATTENTION: When those SRI forms come your way, if they haven't already, remember to put your two cents worth in. Margaret Mead, an American anthropologist, once said, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

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Facts about LEARN, its purpose and plan

By JUSTIN KADER
Columnist

Activism can take many different forms. One does not have to march, boycott, protest or participate in civil disobedience in order to take action for a social or political cause. Like always, I strongly encourage readers to stay informed and discuss issues with friends, neighbors, family members and classmates. However, as the holiday season approaches, I would like to encourage another form of activism—donation.

As much as I hate to sound like one of those infomercials that use pictures of starving children to lay a guilt trip on potential donors, I find it necessary to share a few important facts.

Since last April the Palestinian city of Nablus has been under a strict curfew issued by the Israeli government, seriously damaging any opportunities for economic activity in the area.

Due to the stagnant economy, the Director of Education in Nablus reported that at least 70 percent of Palestinian families lie below the poverty line, which is a monthly income of $500 for a family of five. Palestinian unemployment rate has reached over 60 percent, and Nablus is one of the most economically distressed cities in the Palestinian territories.

These struggling Palestinian families must pay $26 so that their children can take the Tawjihi, which is a final examination that students are required to pass in order to graduate high school. According to education officials in Nablus, during the 2001-2002 school year only 45 percent of the examination fees were collected.

In response to the devastating situation, Ibrahim Khader and other Wartburg students formed the Leading Education And Relief for Nablus (LEARN) organization to provide financial assistance.

Those of you that frequent the Konditorei may have noticed a silver donation box on the counter. Next to it is information on how to donate to LEARN.

Working with Wartburg Campus Ministry, Directory of Education of Nablus and the Palestinian Ministry of Education, LEARN hopes to raise enough money to cover the examination fees of 200 needy Palestinian students by Jan 15.

This holiday season make your gifts worthwhile. Tell your loved ones about LEARN and ask them for $26 to donate to the organization instead of the annual oversized sweater from an uncle or tube socks from grandma.

Remember that the issue at hand is about poverty-stricken children who cannot afford to graduate high school. As LEARN member and senior Jason Bell told the Waterloo-Cedar Falls Courier, "Regardless of how you feel philosophically or religiously, the general consensus is people need an education."

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Acceptance, tolerance themes of season

By IBRAHIM KHADER
Columnist

This past month has been full of outstanding events that will never be erased from my memory. These events should go down in the history books as being representative of great cultural tolerance and religious understanding.

First of all, I was thrilled to see more than 15 of our fellow students and faculty fast the month of Ramadan with us, the three Muslim students on campus. Many days we would go to the cafeteria to break the fast together and silence would prevail at the dining table as we enjoyed food for the first time of the day. Furthermore, I was honored to see 17 students fast Saturday, Nov. 23, and join us for dinner at the Islamic Center in Waterloo. There the students had the opportunity to see what a Muslim prayer is like, interact with the Muslim community of the Cedar Valley and enjoy excellent homemade Bosnian food.

Overall, Ramadan was not only a unique experience for Christian students who were fasting for the first time in their lives, it was exceptional for us as well. Never had we fasted with non-Muslims before. We felt as if we had received a reward every day of the month. We were blessed with passionate, acceptable and hospitable human beings who had gone out of their way to show their support.

The next thrilling event happened over Thanksgiving break. I attended a Seeds of Peace retreat in the woods of Connecticut, where I met with friends I have not seen in years. Seeds of Peace, a non-profit American organization, brings teenagers from the Middle East, Balkans, and South Asia together to show them the faces of "their enemies." Put simply: "Seeds of Peace is doing what no government can. It is sowing the seeds of peace among children who have grown up with the horror of war."

I'll bet it was one of the very few places in the world where Christians, Jews and Muslims were all celebrating Hanukkah, Ramadan and Thanksgiving together. As the Jewish students were lighting the first candle of Hanukkah, Muslim students were breaking their fast over *maklobeh* (a delicious Palestinian dish) and *latke* (traditional Jewish bread), all under one roof.

One of the highlights of the retreat was the chance to talk with my Israeli friends who have already been through army duty. One of them asked me: "Ibrahim, when was the last time you went home to Palestine?" I replied, "One and a half years ago," then she followed, "Do you miss home?" I replied,"Yes." Then she asked, "Is it really that hard to go home?" I said, "Yes, it is literally and physically impossible to go home because of the Israeli occupation in Nablus and the West Bank." (Keep in mind, she had just completed her duty in the Israeli army.) Then with a sad passionate face she asked, "I am going home to Israel this Christmas break. Would you like me to bring you anything back from there?" I was so surprised by her last question that I could not even think of one thing to ask for, even though I have a long list of items I would like to get from there.

The third event happened as I was boarding the plane in New York to come back to school. I noticed a golden Menorah (Jewish Candle plate) pin on the lapel of a flight attendant, so I decided to show off a new phrase I had just learned at the retreat: "Hanukkah Sameakh" (Happy Hanukkah), and with a smiley, friendly face she replied, "Shalom" (Peace).

It is through events and situations like these that we build strong human bridges between us. They are built on the foundation of our similarities and moral consciousness, not differences. Our differences are obstacles that we overcome by putting a human face on one another, showing compassion and exercising tolerance.

It is time that we come out of our shells and look around us; appreciate those among us who are slightly different from us in their customs and traditions. Being different does not make us WEIRD; it makes us UNIQUE.

Members of the Wartburg community who fasted during Ramadan showed their tolerance and acceptance of others. It is hard to erase human faces from our minds and hearts once we share memories with them, and it is even harder to ignore their existence afterwards.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas.

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Wartburg book on sale this week

By KACY BURG
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A new book about the history of Wartburg College will be available in the bookstore this week.

Dr. Ron Matthias, college historian, has written and compiled the history of Wartburg in a book titled "Still on the Move: Wartburg College, 1852-2002."

Matthias said that the initiative for this project came from former Wartburg president Robert Vogel a few years before he retired.

"At the approach of the sesquicentennial, President Vogel asked me to undertake the writing of a new history of Wartburg College," Matthias said.

Ron Matthias' book "Still on the Move: Wartburg College, 1852-2002"

Matthias said that the book begins in 1852, when Wartburg's founder, Georg Grossmann, came to the United States with five students, and then continues throughout the next 150 years of Wartburg's history.

"It's an effort to tell the Wartburg story from the beginning to the present day," Matthias said.

This is not the first book to be written about Wartburg's history, however. In celebration of the college's centennial in 1952, Gerhard Ottersberg, who Matthias referred to as his "teacher and mentor," wrote "Wartburg College, 1852-1952: A Centennial History."

Matthias said that his book differs from Ottersberg's in its focus. He said that Ottersberg's history is more comprehensive and includes details such as the college curricula, while this new book focuses more on Wartburg's tale.

"I asked, 'What's the story?' and tried to tell that story and make some meaning from that story," he said.

Matthias said that the book is "about the size of a yearbook" and includes many pictures in addition to text to tell the story of Wartburg's history.

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CHRISTMAS PLAY—Sophomore Andy Thompson (left) and junior Tim Warmanen rehearse their lines from "A Christmas Carol," which will open Friday at 8 p.m. in Players Theatre.

Theatre brings holiday spirit

By RUSS GOEREND
Staff Writer

Players Theatre has been transformed into a classroom by the construction going on around campus, but that hasn't stopped the Wartburg Players from rehearsing its production of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol."

Director William Earl is looking forward to working with the largest theatre cast he has ever directed at Wartburg. Eight children from Earl's summer Children's Theatre join a cast including Wartburg students, faculty and even President Jack Ohle and his wife, Kris.

"Working with the children is a lot easier than this summer when we had 44 children," Earl said. The cast and crew have been working since Nov. 6.

Earl said there is plenty of talent on Wartburg's campus to put on a production with this size of a cast.

"The things I look for when casting are enthusiasm and desire," he said.

This marks the seventh time Earl has directed "A Christmas Carol," but it is the first time he has directed this play at Wartburg.

"If you're in music you do 'The Messiah'; if you're in dance you do 'The Nutcracker'; and if you're in theatre you do 'A Christmas Carol,'" Earl said.

Performances are scheduled for 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday at Players Theatre. Tickets for all students are $2, and general admission tickets are $5. Tickets are available at the Wartburg information desk or by calling 352-8200.

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Students attempt to lower testing costs

By AMY SERFLATEN
Staff Writer

Twelve students are raising money for schools in Nablus, Palestine, to help ease the cost for high school seniors to take their final exam. The exam, the Tawjihi, is necessary for all students who want to pursue higher education in Palestine as well as internationally.

Junior Ibrahim Khader, a Nablus native, organized Leading Education And Relief for Nablus (LEARN) with the help of others at Wartburg to help his school district register students to take the Tawjihi.

A combined effort among LEARN, Wartburg Campus Ministry, Directory of Education of Nablus and the Palestinian Ministry of Education are collecting funds to go toward helping students pay for this examination. LEARN has collected nearly $1,000 from area churches and Islamic centers. The students are also asking Student Senate to donate $1 for every student attending Wartburg to this effort.

"The Nablus government can't subsidize like in the past because of the humanitarian needs of Palestine," Khader said. "Other organizations have been trying to raise money since December of 2000.

"In Nablus, almost 70 percent of the population is below the poverty level. It is hard for them to afford the exam fees. Of the 5,000 students in the district, almost half of them will not be able to afford the $26 examination fee," Khader added.

LEARN's goal this year is to raise $5,200 to help at least 200 students register for the final examination in June of 2003.

"Knowing the economic hardship of the area and experiencing the frustration of watching my friends quit high school because of lack of funds to pay for the exam was the reason for starting this fund," Khader said. "[Fund raising] has been a need every year. It's just worse this year because Nablus has no economic support."

Khader encourages all to give.

"We are looking for all kinds of donations from pennies to dollars," he said. "All donations are tax deductible, and 100 percent of the funds go directly to the cause."

If interested in making a contribution in any amount, make checks payable to Wartburg College and mail to LEARN Fund c/o Campus Ministry, 100 Wartburg Blvd., P.O. Box 1003, Waverly, IA 50677. On campus, collection boxes are located in the Walkway Café as well as the Konditorei. Donations will be accepted until Jan. 15.

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Holiday season: Around the corner

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TOYS GALORE—Junior Erin Hedeen (left) and senior Danielle Dyvig begin setting up for the Social Work Club's Holiday Shoppe Sunday afternoon at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Waverly. Holiday Shoppe, an event that donates Christmas gifts to needy families, takes place Tuesday and Wednesday.

MUSIC MAN—Senior Tony Brezina, a member of Ritterchor and Wind Ensemble, sings "Betelehemu" with Ritterchor during rehearsal for Christmas with Wartburg Wednesday afternoon in Neumann Auditorium. Four Wartburg musical groups, including Wind Ensemble, Ritterchor, Castle Singers and Wartburg Choir, brought holiday cheer to Waverly, Cedar Falls and Des Moines over the weekend.

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TAKING A BREAK—Leevi Auge, 10 months, plays at Redeemer Lutheran Church while his mom, senior Nikki Auge, helps set up for Holiday Shoppe.

Surprise treat from parents

By TINA HINZ
Staff Writer

Survival kits will be distributed Thursday by Phi Beta Lambda (PBL), the campus business organization.

"Students don't really know about them, so it's kind of a nice little surprise from their parents for finals week," said Deb Kreidermacher, PBL president.

Kits will include a candy bar or fruit, a can of pop or fruit juice, microwave popcorn, a PBL glass and Ramen noodles.

Letters with order forms were sent to parents of students in November. Parents could include a personal message with each kit.

"Parents usually write some words of inspiration telling their student that they're proud of them or that they hope they'll do a good job on finals," Kreidermacher said.

Cost per kit was $6. Proceeds go toward PBL expenses.

"It's a lot of fun to deliver the kits. Some people get so excited because you know how it is—everyone loves to get mail," Kreidermacher said.

About 270 kits were ordered.

"It takes a lot of manpower to put so many kits together, but it provides a time for PBL members to bond and get to know one another better," Kreidermacher said.

Vice presidents of fund raising are seniors Beth Koopman and Todd Ross and sophomore Erin Snitkey.

PBL meets every third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Whitehouse Business Center in Room 214. Membership is open to all majors.

The group participates in state and national conferences, which include business-related workshops, speakers and competitions, as well as a research trip to Chicago and fund raisers.

"Even though we're geared toward business majors, we learn skills everyone needs to know," Kreidermacher said.

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Children's choir to perform with symphony

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CHORUS OF YOUNG VOICES—Area children practice Monday night for their performance in the Wartburg Symphony concert.

By NATE KERL
Assistant Section Editor

A chorus including 65 area children will highlight the Wartburg Community Symphony concert at 2 p.m. Saturday in Neumann Auditorium.

The Wartburg Children's Festival Choir, including fourth- through sixth-grade students from Waverly, Tripoli and Janesville, will perform two pieces.

The choir is co-directed by Dr. Jane Andrews, lecturer in music, and Ed VanHemert, a Waverly Shell-Rock educator.

"We sent out letters in September telling people we were going to do this," Andrews said. "We invited all children. There weren't any auditions, and we ended up with 65 children."

Andrews said that the hope is to make the chorus a permanent group for the area.

"We probably will establish a children's choir, but we just wanted to see if there was interest, and it seems to be there," Andrews said.

The other hope is to use the chorus as a lab situation for Wartburg students in music education.

The Wartburg Children's Festival Choir fits into the Wartburg Community Symphony's 50th anniversary theme "Aged to Perfection." The concert will include narrated stories with musical accompaniment.

Wartburg Community Symphony tickets may be ordered by calling (319) 352-8286.

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Dancing for muscular dystrophy

By BECCA ANDERSEN
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Wartburg College's Volunteer Action Center (VAC) is encouraging students, faculty and staff to collect pledges for its third annual dance marathon which raises money for the local Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) in Cedar Falls.

According to Suzy Piel, VAC coordinator, the money raised will provide financial support to children with muscular dystrophy to allow them to go to summer camp. Money will also go toward medical bills and other expenses, such as wheelchairs and braces.

"Summer camp is a time for them to get away from their disease, have the time of their lives and feel like normal little kids," Piel said.

Students can sign up to collect pledges outside the cafeteria starting Tuesday. Pledge packets are also available in the VAC office in the middle room of the Residence. The VAC suggests students take the pledge packets home over Christmas break and ask for pledges from their families.

"This holiday season is a great time to think of those who are less fortunate and are living in far worse conditions than ourselves," Piel said.

Participants can also seek donations from professors, faculty, staff, co-workers, neighbors, students or anyone else who is willing to donate. All donations made to MDA are tax deductible.

"Collecting pledges is easy," Piel said. "All students need is a caring heart and the motivation to go out and ask for money."

Students do not have to raise any certain amount of money, but there are incentives for students to raise as much money as possible. Students who raise a minimum of $25 receive a T-shirt from the event. There will also be larger prizes and door prizes given away throughout the evening. A pizza party prize will be given to the group who raises the most money. Piel said a group could consist of a floor, a suite, a group of friends or an organization.

Last year the VAC raised about $2,000.

"This year our goal is to reach the $2,000 mark and exceed it," Piel said.

"It is one simple way that we as college students can make a small difference in these kids' lives," Piel added. "Raising money for them is one way that we can help and a way that we can raise awareness for muscular dystrophy."

Students have until the night of the dance marathon to collect pledges. The dance marathon will be Friday, Jan. 31, from 8 p.m. to midnight in Players Theatre. Besides dancing, the marathon will also have games, food and prizes.

"The MDA dance marathon is a great time to experience. Not only are you doing something that you love, you are helping so many people," said Lyndsay Polking, dance team captain. "It is such an awesome feeling when you get done, just to know that you have helped change the lives of so many individuals."

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'The Nutcracker' makes its debut

By ANNIE FOX
Staff Writer

The Moscow Ballet will perform tonight as part of Wartburg College's Artist Series.

This sold-out production of "The Nutcracker" is part of the ballet's 10th Anniversary Tour of the United States.

The 50-member ballet is made up of all Russian performers, who range in age from 19 to 30 and have been training since age eight.

The tour covers more than 70 U.S. cities and grew significantly since its beginning 10 years ago when it visited just 10 U.S. cities. This will be its first time in the Cedar Valley.

Forty-four dance students from the Cedar Valley will be performing as mice, snowflakes, butterflies, etc. They have been practicing every week since auditions Oct. 22.

The Moscow Ballet's Great Russian Nutcracker is unique because it combines the traditional story with a special prayer for peace.

"[I'm] very excited in being able to give the Cedar Valley an opportunity to see a first-rate production of this Christmas classic," said Myrna Culbertson, director of the Artist Series.

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The MEMO HEARD 'ROUND *the* WORLD

Coleen Rowley '77 discusses her controversial 9/11 letter and more

By AMY WINEINGER
Features Editor

Just two years from retirement, FBI agent Coleen Rowley thinks it is a "miracle" she still has her job.

A media-labeled "whistle-blower," Rowley's infamous memo to the FBI sparked a major post-Sept. 11 examination into whether the attack on America could have been prevented.

Rowley spoke to the Constitutional Law class at her alma mater, Wartburg College, and gave her first one-on-one newspaper interview since the memo was leaked. Rowley granted the exclusive to the *Wartburg Trumpet* despite turning down requests from other media outlets, making this the first time she has discussed details surrounding the memo.

Rowley, chief counsel of the Minneapolis FBI office, wrote a 13-page memo in June to FBI Director Robert Mueller, members of the Senate Intelligence Committee and certain senators criticizing the FBI for its failure to respond and blatant disregard for signs that could have led to the unfolding of the 9/11 plot.

Charismatic and opinionated, Rowley said terrorism has always been a threat to the United States, even prior to Sept. 11.

"The [FBI] is not totally blind. Our agency was aware of terrorism and even had terrorism cases," Rowley said.

In the memo, Rowley claimed other FBI agents blocked her attempts to secure a Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) search warrant to open a laptop found in possession of Zacarias Moussaoui, a French-Moroccan operative on trial for conspiring in the 9/11 attacks, who was arrested in August 2001.

"Everyone says 'I can't change the world,' and people have a sense of futility. On the other side, you have to live with yourself and you have to try," Rowley said.

Rowley said that while a new FBI agency to solely handle terrorism may not be the best option, she does agree with some of the FBI's current actions.

"The FBI has cut drug funds to put toward terrorism. This is OK because we still have the Drug Enforcement Agency. The FBI wouldn't be the same if it lost terrorism [as a department]," Rowley said.

Terrorism may be one of the FBI's top priorities now, but Rowley feels its job is still to save lives no matter what kind of crime they are fighting.

"Three thousand people died in the World Trade Center, but we can't let bank robberies occur or any people die," Rowley said.

Rowley said that the United States should try its best to prevent terrorism. The appointment of Henry Kissinger to the new 9/11 committee has Rowley "waiting."

"I am hoping he doesn't do any more dissembling," Rowley said.

THE MEMO'S PATH TO FAME

Rowley's loyalty to the FBI and her job is undeniable. Rowley had to come forward with the wrongdoing she saw based on a "gut thing" for changes to be made.

The memo was Rowley's attempt to make the FBI aware that some of its own agents see the mistakes that have occurred. Rowley admits she did not first start writing the memo with the intention of other people seeing it. Just two days before her interview with the Senate Intelligence Committee, Rowley was so nervous and sleep-deprived that she decided to write down what she would say.

"I got a certain part written but realized I had to go another step because there was no look at the misconduct in the FBI," Rowley said.

She asserted in the memo that Director Mueller knowingly approved other FBI officials to withhold information from the public "in an apparent effort to protect the FBI from embarrassment and the relevant FBI officials from scrutiny."

After a four-hour interview, Rowley handed her memo to the Joint Intelligence Committee staff members and proceeded to Mueller's office to drop off his copy.

"I knew he would not like it," Rowley said.

The petite Rowley found herself shaking as she hailed a taxi back to the airport. As she sat down to wait for her flight, a newspaper was open to the editorial page on the seat next to her.

"There was an editorial about a Catholic priest in 1985 who found out about some of the sexual abuse going on in the church. He wrote a report in an attempt to prevent more abuse but went in front of a committee and was thrown out of the church. Cut off," Rowley said.

Rowley did not let the similarities of the priest's case discourage her. In fact, Rowley was admittedly "naïve" in thinking her memo would not go anywhere.

"Honestly, I did not think it would have this kind of impact," Rowley said.

In actuality, the impact was immediate. The next day at work, Rowley took a phone call from a CNN reporter asking "something about a letter," and she realized her memo was public. From that point forward, the requests for interviews came nonstop. Even today, Rowley receives mail and phone calls from supporters and non-supporters alike.

"I get prisoners calling," Rowley said. "There are people not getting justice calling for my help, but it's just not my jurisdiction."

AN UNLIKELY LAWYER

Rowley is compelled to help others, even though at first, she did not even want the position of chief counsel. She never intended to practice law as a career.

"I thought, how quickly can I get out
Rowley said, a graduate of the University
Now after 12 years in her current posit
working in New York, Nebraska, Miss
Montreal, Rowley's love for law and justi
ever.

There are things she would change to gi
hand. For instance, Rowley said the FISA
FBI intelligence department cannot share in
criminal department—is a "silly thing."

Despite her convictions, Rowley does n
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ers to love the FBI just as much as she doe
feels she is a small part of the process.

"Public speaking is not my forte. I onl
something important to say," Rowley said
other invited guests at Wartburg College.

EARLY ASPIRATIONS AND WHISTLE-BLOWIN

While she was disappointed in the FBI
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but the result was not too encouraging.

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said, 'Women can't bound into a room
Rowley said. "I said to myself, 'That's stu
change.'"

And she did. At the young age of 27, Ro
because she "wanted to be the good guy."

Now after 22 years of service, Rowley is

"I got into it for truth and justice ... now
de-moralized," Rowley said.

Ironically, her morals are the last thing
Glamour magazine recently named Rowley
article among other female whistle-blowers.

Being a mother of four, Rowley has mad
her job at the FBI and provide quality work.

"I have worked 12-hour days for 22 year
can do it," Rowley said, pointing to her h
accompanied her.

Looking back, is Rowley happy with the
has received?

"You've gotta take the little things," Row
a smile and a shrug.

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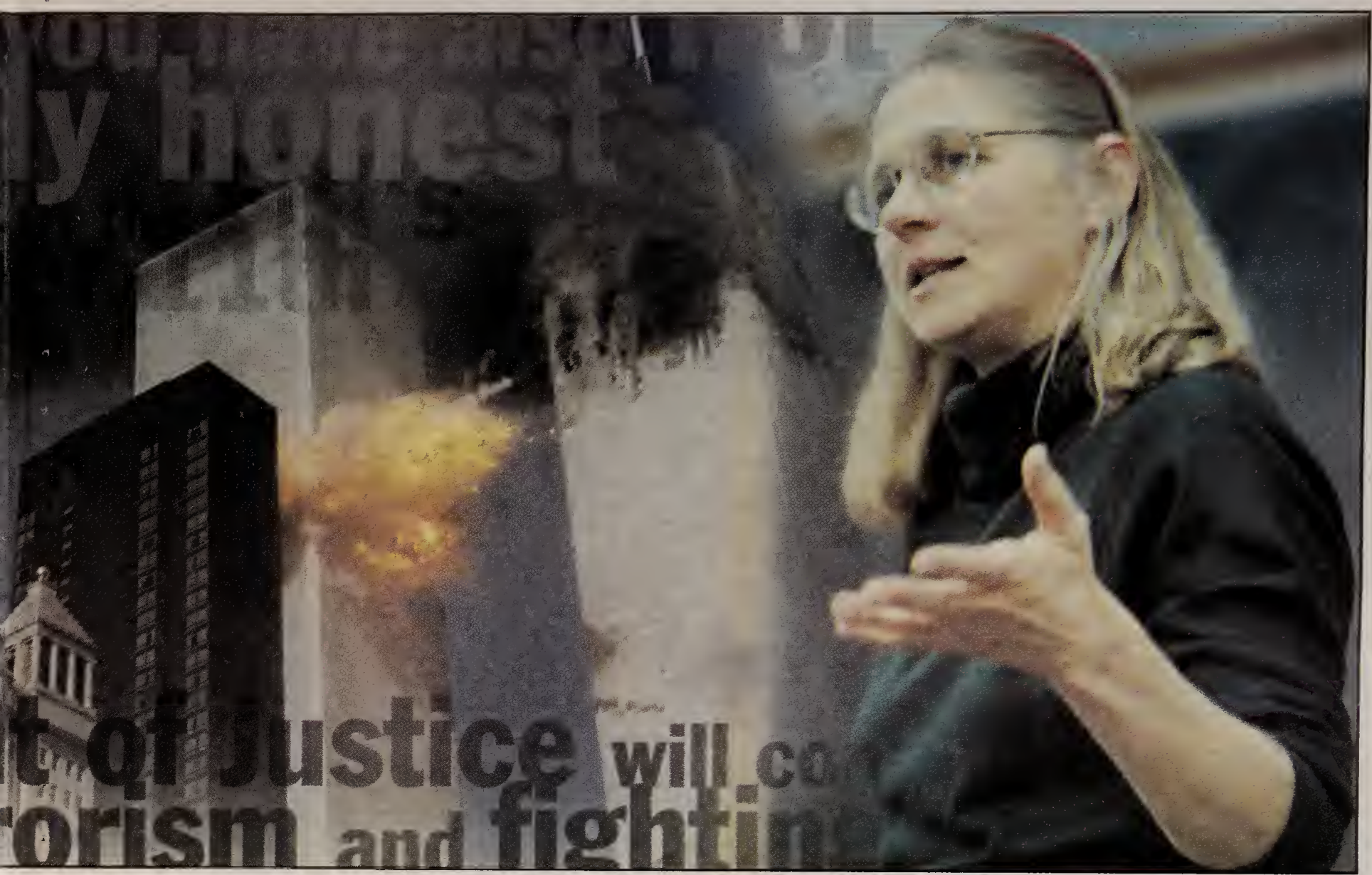

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TIMELINE

How the events related to Coleen Rowley's memo unfolded

AUG. 17, 2001

Zacarias Moussaoui jailed

Sept. 11, 2001

Terrorists hijack four U.S. airplanes and attack the Pentagon and World Trade Center

Oct. 24, 2001

U.S.A. PATRIOT Act passed by Congress

Jan. 2, 2002

Zacarias Moussaoui arraigned

June 6, 2002

Rowley appears before the Senate Judiciary Committee and distributes memo

June 7, 2002

Memo leaks to the media

Jan. 6, 2003

Zacarias Moussaoui trial begins

The birth of a memo: What inspired Rowley to write

As chief counsel of the Minneapolis field office, FBI agent Coleen Rowley was waist-deep in investigating possible terrorist and other illegal activities. Pre-Sept. 11, a series of events occurred that Rowley felt the FBI did not handle in a professional manner and could have led to the unfolding of the 9/11 plot. Was it possible that the FBI had the opportunity to save lives that fateful day?

Based on a report to FBI headquarters written by Phoenix FBI agent Kenneth Williams, it was discovered that al-Qaeda operatives were enrolled in U.S. flight schools. Tipped off by Williams' hunch, the Minneapolis office perked up its ears when instructors at the Pan Am flight school near Minneapolis-St. Paul reported that a student with broken English, later identified as Zacarias Moussaoui, wanted to learn how to fly a 747.

Alarmed at the possible terrorist connection, the Minnesota agents went into action. Agents went to Moussaoui's hotel Aug. 15, 2001, to check out his immigration papers. Upon examination, the documents showed evidence of a possible visa violation. Agents from Immigration and Naturalization Services arrested Moussaoui on charges of overstaying his visa.

Upon the arrest, a laptop computer in Moussaoui's possession was seized. Because Moussaoui was an international student, Rowley and her colleagues had to obtain a search warrant under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) in order to search the computer files. Here is where the problems started.

For the FISA search warrant to be issued, the Minneapolis agents had to prove that Moussaoui was a part of a terrorist group or a foreign power. When the Minneapolis agents began to do a background check on Moussaoui, it was uncovered that in the late 1990s the French police had Moussaoui on a watch list. He had been traveling through Kuwait, Turkey and Continental Europe and eventually spent time in Afghanistan and Pakistan. While there, it was believed that Moussaoui formed ties to radical Islamic groups.

With this information in hand, the Minneapolis agents sent in their FISA search warrant request, but officials in Washington did not grant the warrant. Not wanting to give up, Rowley and her co-workers continued efforts to get the search warrant but found themselves being blocked, to their surprise, by other FBI officials.

Sept. 11, that pivotal day, sent everything into chaos. With the threat of terrorism so close to home, the FISA search warrant for Moussaoui was finally granted. Moussaoui's laptop was found to have crop-dusting information and a letter to Moussaoui from an al-Qaeda member. In the letter was an alias traced to 9/11 hijacker Mohammed Atta.

In June, Rowley appeared before the Senate Judiciary Committee to discuss how she felt the FBI fell short. She also wrote a memo to FBI Director Robert Mueller criticizing the FBI and offering suggestions as to how it could improve. The memo went public, thus starting the media frenzy surrounding Rowley and the FBI.

—*Amy Wineinger*

Honors proposal questioned

By RACHEL DVORAK
Production Assistant

The proposed Wartburg Scholars Program has been generating much discussion around campus.

Dr. Greg Scholtz, chair of the honors program committee, spoke to Student Senate Thursday and addressed senators' concerns about the program.

Nikki Schmidt/TRUMPET

HONORS PROGRAM NEEDED?—Dr. Greg Scholtz spoke to Student Senate Thursday about the proposed Honors Program at Wartburg.

The Academic Policies Committee of Student Senate had already discussed the honors program proposal and made this resolution:

"As members of the Academic Policies Committee, we believe that the Honors Program *as presented* does not fully adhere to the Wartburg College mission statement. The mission statement emphasizes lives of leadership and service. And this proposal has the potential to create an elite group which in turn will detract from community involvement and leadership. We feel this proposal does not allow participants to fully engage in all academic and non-academic activities at Wartburg College. We also feel, Wartburg College is already an "honors" school and this proposal does not necessarily add to the academic atmosphere. Therefore, let it be resolved that we strongly encourage the Honors Program Committee to revise the proposal keeping in mind the students' suggestions to better fit the program within the mission of the college."

"We didn't want it to be an exclusive club, that the dedication to [the program] would come at the expense of anything else on campus," Scholtz said. "The real emphasis is intellectual interest, the desire to be stimulated."

"We'd be more excited about people who want to learn, not necessarily [students with a] 33 ACT or who just want to get all As," said Dr. Ted Reuter, member of the honors program committee.

To play down the elitist factor, Scholtz said there will only be two honors courses, which would replace IS 101 and the required ID course. Honors program students will not be living together, as is the case at other schools, to integrate students as much as possible.

The committee also proposed a service component to the program, which they felt would comply with Wartburg's mission statement. The program could provide service to campus through a "Wartburg Scholars Lecture Series"; leading discussions with visiting lecturers, artists and dignitaries; providing tutoring; and other service projects.

Scholtz said that this service component would not "exist to serve itself ... it should have consequences and benefits for the whole community."

According to the honors program proposal, "such a program does have the potential of improving the general academic/intellectual culture of the institution and therefore is worth pursuing for that reason alone."

Another concern about the program is the cost. The money for the program, $15,000, would come out of the general college budget. The funds would be used to bring in speakers for the proposed lecture series and for the program director's stipend and office expenses.

The committee also wishes to have some space on campus devoted to the honors program, such as an office or one of the houses near campus.

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Senate allocates money for student organizations

By BECCA ANDERSEN
Assistant Section Editor

Wartburg College Student Senate spent much time this semester allocating money to organizations and implementing changes to benefit the student body.

Improving diversity is something student body president Tara Penna and vice president Nathan Eberline promised as part of their platform last spring. This year, Penna and Eberline proposed adding the executive assistant for diversity position to Senate. Junior Margaret Wrage was approved for the position.

"Every year, the candidates have something on their platform about improving diversity," Penna said. "This was our way of doing something substantive."

The executive assistant for diversity serves as a liaison between the diversity organizations, Senate and Krystal Madlock, the director of student diversity programs. The goal of the position is to improve communication and cooperation among the organizations to improve diversity relations on campus.

This semester, Senate also allocated money to organizations through supplemental requests. Campus Programming and Diversity Programs received $1,600 to bring a motivational speaker to campus. Wartburg West received $720 for a retreat they have each semester. Phi Beta Lambda received $750 for a business conference, and the Wartburg Cheerleaders received $160 for competition fees.

Senate also approved the constitution for the Music Educators National Conference (MENC) and approved two Honor Council appointments for freshmen.

Several resolutions are still pending, but Senate hopes to vote on them at the final meeting of the semester Thursday.

Senate meetings are open to all students.

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Student Senate

#1: Campus Programming & Diversity Programs request; amended to $1600. **#2**: Wartburg West request; amended to $720. **#3**: Proposed Senate Exec. Assistant for Diversity. **#4**: By-laws changes, pending. **#5**: Phi Beta Lambda request; amended to $750. **#6**: MENC Constitution. **#7**: Margaret Wrage as Senate Exec. Assist. for Diversity. **#8**: Honor Council Recommendation of Becky Townsley **#9**: Honor Council Recommendation of Emily Barnd. **#10**: Wartburg Cheerleaders request; amended to $160. (individual senator votes not available at time of print)

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Defending champs downed

By NICK PETAROS
Sports Writer

There was plenty to be thankful for over Thanksgiving break for the top-ranked Wartburg wrestling team. On Nov. 27 the Knight wrestlers scored an impressive 25-9 victory over the three-time defending national champion Augsburg College. The Knight victory snapped Augsburg's streak of 71 consecutive dual-meet wins over NCAA Division III opponents.

The Wartburg wrestlers got off to a quick start behind a 19-4 technical fall by junior Bart Mehlert, along with a 10-2 major decision from junior Kevin Bratland and a 6-2 decision by sophomore Ryan Sturm in the 149, 157, and 165-lbs. weight classes, respectively. The opening barrage of victories gave the Knights an early 12-0 lead.

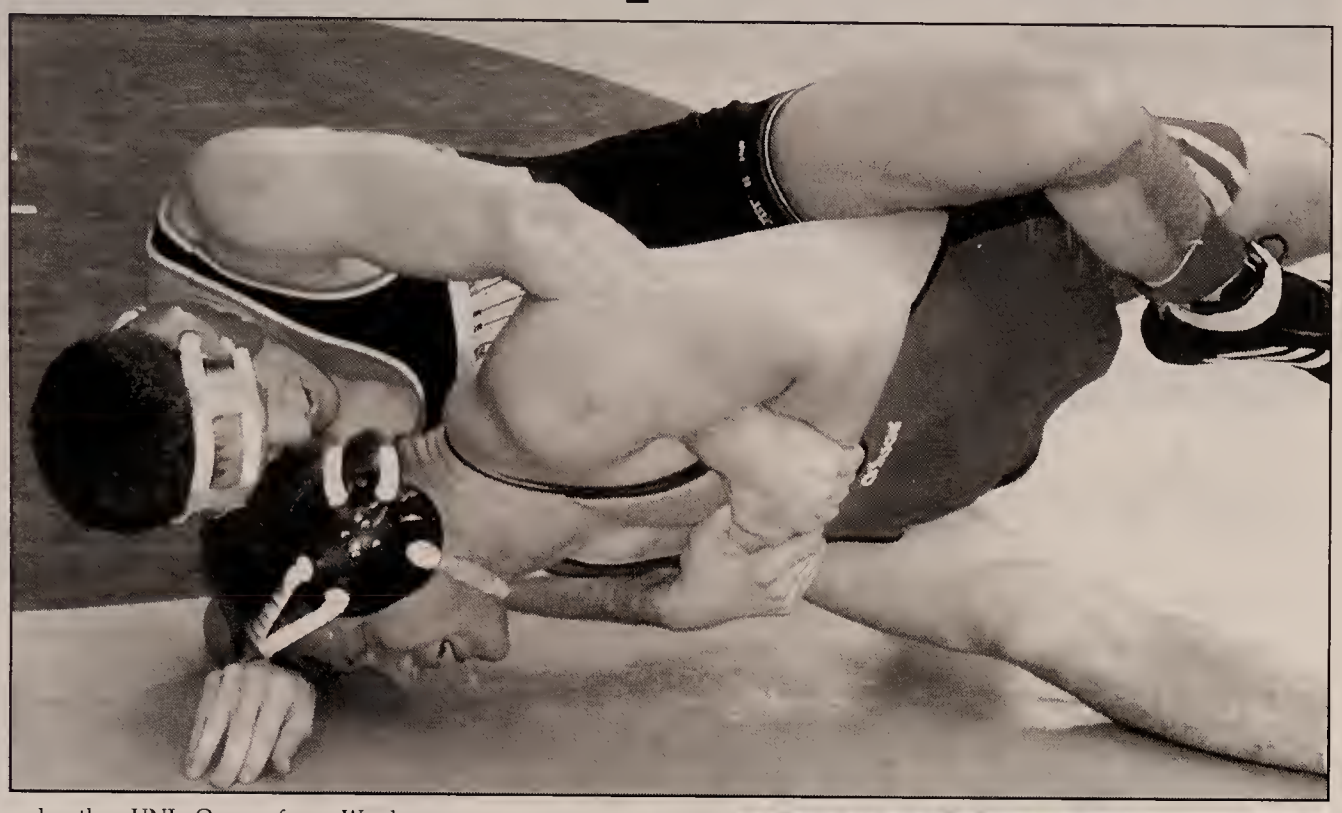
In the 174-lb. match, Augsburg's Joe Moon attempted to get his team back into the meet with a 9-5 win over sophomore Mark Sturm.

Third-ranked Wartburg senior Sonny Alvarez was able to get the Knights back on track with a thrilling 2-1 victory in the 184-lb. class over top-ranked Ricky Crone. With the score tied at one going into double overtime, Alvarez elected to take the down position. After fighting off a Crone reversal attempt, Alvarez was able to escape for the win with seven seconds left, giving Wartburg a 15-3 lead.

Wartburg then went on to win the next three matches behind a 17-8 major decision by senior Alain Djoumessi, a 4-0 win by senior LeRoy Gardner III and a 9-3 decision by junior Heath Ropp.

Augsburg won the final two matches of the evening with a double overtime win over sophomore Tyler Hubbard and a 7-5 win against senior Wil Kelly. The victories were too little too late, however, as the Knights won the meet by a final score of 25-9. This victory also ended a streak of seven consecutive losses to Augsburg.

In more recent wrestling action, the Knights competed Saturday in the UNI Open. The UNI Open field consisted of approximately 300 wrestlers from Div. II and III schools as well as representatives from UNI, the University of Iowa, Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin.



In the UNI Open, four Wartburg wrestlers were able to place in the top four in their respective weight classes. In the 149-lb. tournament, Mehlert fought through the field en route to the championship match. In the finals, Mehlert lost to UNI's Jon Gavin by a narrow 2-1 score.

Another Knight wrestler earned a spot in the finals. In the 197 lb. final match Djoumessi was defeated 7-2 by No. 11-ranked Sean Stender, also of UNI.

At heavyweight, Gardner defeated Lindenwood's Roger Miller by a narrow 5-4 margin in the third-place match. Sophomore Andrew Knaack was also able to win his way into the third place match. In the 165-lb. third-place match, Knaack lost by fall to Minnesota's Nate Baker.

The No. 1-ranked Wartburg wrestlers will be at home Saturday as they host the 29th Annual Dick Walker Invitational. Action is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. in Knights Gymnasium.

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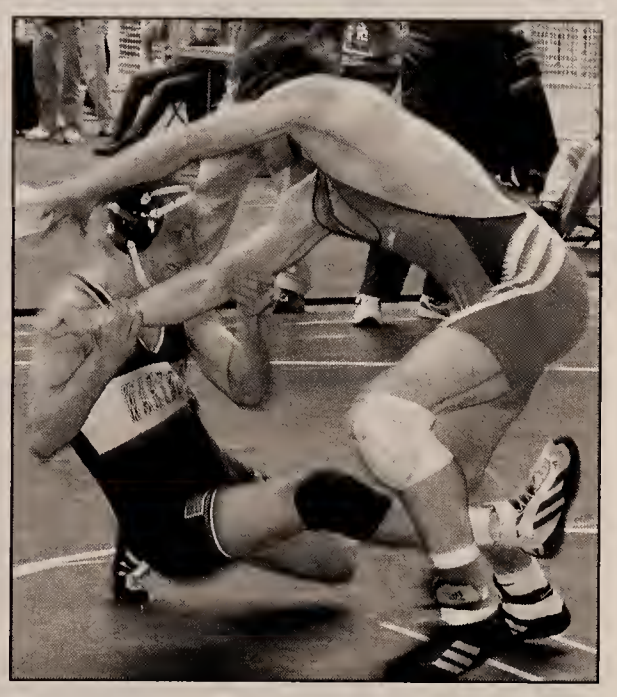

Above: Wartburg sophomore 165-pounder Andrew Knaack gets a grip on an opponent Saturday at the UNI Open in Cedar Falls. Knaack lost to the University of Minnesota's Nate Baker in the third-place match.

Right: Junior Bart Mehlert took second place in the 149-lb. tournament, losing to UNI's Jon Gavin in the championship match.

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Season ends on field in Oregon

Seniors go out as winningest class in school history despite 52-15 defeat

By LANCE RIDPATH
Sports Writer

The Wartburg football team's 2002 campaign came to a screeching halt Nov. 30 when the Knights dropped a second round playoff game to Linfield (Ore.) College 52-15. The Wildcats made a statement by dominating on both sides of the ball for most of the opening half and took advantage of several Wartburg turnovers to roll up the score and send the Knights home for the winter.

Wartburg received the ball to start the game but gave it right back following a quick three-and-out series. The Wildcats marched right back using just two plays to score their first of seven touchdowns on the day. The extra point was blocked, so the score sat at 6-0 just a little over two minutes into the game.

It wouldn't get much prettier. On the first play of the ensuing drive, Wartburg bobbled an handoff and gave the Wildcats first-and-10 on the 31-yard line. Linfield settled for a field goal to notch the score at 9-0.

Linfield would once again capitalize on a Wartburg turnover late in the first period. Senior quarterback Jake Olsen had a pass picked off by a Wildcat defender. A personal foul penalty moved the ball down to the Wartburg 14-yard line. Two plays later, Linfield running back George Carter ran 13 yards for another score. At the end of one quarter, the Knights trailed 16-0.

The Wildcats tacked a few more scores on the board in the second period. Running back David Russell scored on runs of 24 and nine yards to make the score 31-0.

With its back against the wall, the Wartburg offense engineered a scoring drive of their own to hopefully pick up some momentum heading into the locker room. A 17-yard pass to junior wide receiver Mike Nissen followed by a face-masking penalty put the Knights past the 50-yard line for the first time of the afternoon. On a key third down play, senior wide receiver Jeff Marsh caught a slick screen pass, shook off a few would-be tacklers and rumbled 27 yards for the first score of the day. Sophomore kicker Jordan Maus' extra point attempt was good to make the score 31-7.

In spite of the added momentum, the Knights would still dig themselves into deeper hole before the break. After its next drive stalled, Wartburg let the Wildcats drive 80 yards in 33 seconds to make the score 38-7 at halftime.

Any hopes of a comeback ended when, on the next play of the ensuing drive, Linfield's Mike Cooney hauled a 54-yard bomb for a touchdown to make the score 45-15.

Wartburg ran out of answers and ran out of time. The Wildcats would tag on one more score to salt the Knights' wounds. As the final seconds ticked off the clock, the team walked off the field, heads high, after a 52-15 loss to cap an otherwise impressive season.

"On this day, they were the best team we've played so far," said senior linebacker Ryan Winters.

The Wildcats ran up 490 yards of offense while holding Wartburg to a season-low 205. Senior running back Justin Beatty finished the last game of his career with 61 yards rushing on 25 carries. Olsen completed 10 of 25 passes for 132 yards and one touchdown. Marsh led Wartburg receivers with four catches for 59 yards.

"Any time you're in a big game and you lose the turnover battle, it doesn't help," said head coach Rick Willis, whose team handed the ball over five times during the game. "We just didn't have a lot of answers today."

Despite the loss, the success of the 2002 season put the program on the map and legitimized the Knight's status as one of country's top teams. The seniors on the team ended their careers as the winningest class in Wartburg history, putting up a record 37-6 during the past four years. With several letter winners returning, including nine defensive starters, the team will look to pick up right where they left off next year.

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Knights named All-Conference

Thirteen Wartburg Knight football players were named to All-Conference teams this season.

Junior running back Brad Hodapp, junior offensive lineman Jeff Voreis, sophomore offensive lineman Andy Heitman, sophomore place-kicker Jordan Maus, senior linebacker Ryan Winters, junior defensive back Cody Kelley, sophomore defensive back Brian McIntire and junior defensive linemen J.J. Zearley and Vince King were first team All-Conference selections.

Hodapp was a workhorse for the Knights this season. He averaged 123 yards per game and 171 all-purpose yards per game.

Winters had 78 tackles on the year and Kelley picked off six passes to pace the Knights' defense. King led the league in tackles for loss with 24.5 and Zearley led the conference in sacks with nine.

Junior linebacker Justin Bishop, senior quarterback Jake Olsen and senior running back Justin Beatty earned second team honors. Hodapp was also named to the second team as a kick returner.

Olsen ranked in the top five in the conference in total offense, pass efficiency and passing yardage.

Memories that linger forever

By LANCE RIDPATH
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For many Wartburg fans, players and parents, I don't think that it has quite sunk in yet—the beauty of what all went down this fall. Maybe you're still reeling from the head-on collision with Linfield, a veritable freight train from the Pacific Northwest. But, more than anything, I don't think it has hit most Wartburg faithful yet how truly awesome this whole experience was.

What happened over the past three months will live on in the history books and, more importantly, the hearts and minds of the college for years to come. The 24-20 come-from-behind win against Oshkosh in the opening game, shutting out Central 14-0 on their home field for the first time since 1983, or maybe even those tense moments before the playoff brackets were announced in November—they're all part of a legacy we'll carry with us for a long time.

And don't forget the 41-0 spanking we dealt our rivals up north in week three. I'm told there was a time at this school when going 2-8 with a win over Luther was considered a winning season.

But the biggest part of it all was a trip out to Oregon. With all the glory of being in the spotlight, the journey westward had its share of tough times:

• The Knights' season ended after being thumped 52-15 by one of the best teams in the country. However, the dejected team's return would be far more complicated than hopping on the bus and riding home.

• Senior tight end Ryan Melin's stay in Oregon lasted a little longer than he would have liked to. After the game, the NCAA randomly pulled out 12 players to take a drug test. The other 11 went through fine, but Melin drank so much water before the game that he was unable to produce a conclusive sample. The rest of the team sat on the bus for nearly two hours waiting for the test to finish before giving up and heading to the airport. As for Melin, the NCAA made him stay an extra day until he was cleared.

• On the drive from McMinnville to the Portland Airport, one of the team's bus drivers got lost, delaying their departure another 45 minutes.

But before you write this whole thing off as a failure, look at what this experience did for our school. For a moment in time, pretty much anyone associated with Wartburg came together to support the team. Students, parents, former students and even people who have never watched a single snap of Wartburg football wished the team well. It was an especially exciting time for a handful of alumni who live out west and found out their alma mater was playing a game in their backyard.

Ups and downs alike, everyone who was involved came away from it unharmed. Years from now, we'll be talking about the autumn of '02 like it was the glory days. For the players, you'll be bragging about your trip to the west coast for years to come. For the fans who stayed behind, one day, you'll tell your grandkids about how—back in the day—you used "the Internet" to listen to the game.

And for the four of us who drove 4,000 miles over the course of three days to watch our favorite team play, we'll have a lifetime's worth of priceless memories. Well, that and about 45 minutes of fall-on-the-floor, hysterical videotape that we took of our trip.

Yep, long after our days here are done and we've moved on to bigger things, we'll still be talking about this. The farther this season grows into the past, the greater its legacy will become. This was truly the stuff legends are made of.

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Season's first loss dealt

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Down by a dozen points at halftime, the No. 17-ranked Wartburg men's basketball team put together a surge in the second half only to come up short against Rockford College (Ill.) 79-77 Saturday in the championship game of the Rose-Hulman Basketball Invitational in Terre Haute, Ind.

The Knights came as close as 77-78 in the waning moments of the game after sophomore guard Adam Sanchez laid the ball in, drew a foul and made his free throw. A fifth and final personal foul from senior center Mike Pipho with nine seconds left enabled Rockford's Billy Lewis to ice the game, making one free throw.

Leading the way for the Knights against the Regents was a pair of 17-point efforts from senior forward Kyle Recker and freshman guard Jason Steege, who both came off the bench. Recker and Pipho were named all-tournament selections.

Pipho tallied 16 points and a team-high nine rebounds before fouling out. Pipho (1,043) is just three points from moving up to No. 22 on Wartburg's career scoring chart. Senior guard Dan Schuknecht also chipped in 10 points, five of which came in the final minute of the game.

Rockford (7-1) was led by tournament Most Valuable Player Troy DeCook who recorded 19 points and fellow all-tournament honoree Billy Lewis scored 14.

The Knights (4-1) advanced to the championship game by defeating Albion College (Mich.) 62-49 Friday evening. Pipho pieced together his first double-double of the season, racking up 14 points and 12 rebounds.

Sanchez finished with 13 points, while freshman guard Rance Cartmill chipped in with 11. Fellow guards Steege and junior Matt Armentrout dished out four assists each and Schuknecht picked up three steals.

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TURNING THE CORNER—Wartburg senior forward Kyle Recker drives to the basket Tuesday against Buena Vista. Recker finished with a career-high 19 points in the win.

In earlier action, the Knights picked up an important road win in their conference opener against Buena Vista in Storm Lake. A 12-3 late in the game solidified a 75-67 win over the Beavers and gave head coach Dick Peth his 90th win while at Wartburg.

Recker recorded a career-high 19 points, while connecting on 15 of 16 shots from the charity stripe. Six of those came in the final 30 seconds of the game.

"Kyle's effort is an example of the kind of performances we needed and received from our seniors," Peth said. "That was a big key to this win as was our ability to play solid post defense and keep their big guys from getting a lot of points."

Fellow seniors Schuknecht and Pipho scored 14 and 12 points, respectively.

The Knights are in action again Wednesday against Iowa Wesleyan at 7 p.m., before traveling to Thousand Oaks, Calif. for the California-Lutheran Tournament Dec. 29-30. Wartburg then resumes its conference season in the new year at home against Central Jan. 3 and Simpson Jan. 4.

WARTBURG (77)
Pipho 7-12 2-3 16, Johnson 0-2 2-2 2, Cartmill 2-6 0-0 4, Armentrout 0-0 0-1 0, Schuknecht 3-S 2-2 10, Steege S-10 4-6 17, Miller 0-0 0-0 0, Olsen 1-2 2-2 4, Sanchez 3-8 1-1 7, Recker 7-10 3-3 17, Schmidt 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 28-S6 16-20 77.

ROCKFORD (79)
Louisville 3-8 1-2 7, DeCook 8-15 1-1 19, Lewis 4-9 4-S 14, Malone 1-4 0-0 2, Carnes 3-S 2-2 8, Saenbandith 0-0 0-0 0, Wing 4-7 6-7 18, Boone 2-2 1-2 7, Lorenzen 0-3 2-2 2, Williams 1-1 0-0 2, Riley 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 26-55 17-21 79.

Halftime–Wartburg 27, Rockford 39.

Three-point goals–Wartburg 5 (Steege 3), Rockford 10 (Wing 4). Fouled out–Pipho, Carnes. Rebounds–Wartburg 29 (Pipho 9), Rockford 32 (Louisville, DeCook 7).

Assists–Wartburg 11 (Pipho 3), URockford 12 (Malone 3). Total fouls–Wartburg 22, Rockford 21. Technicals–None.

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Losing streak ended

Redeeming itself from a two-game losing streak, the Wartburg women's basketball team defeated Augustana College (Ill.) 68-57 Saturday in a non-conference match-up in Knights Gymnasium.

Senior center Holly Mohs turned in a double-double with 17 points and 13 rebounds, extending her double-digit scoring streak to an impressive 43 games, dating back to her sophomore season.

Mohs also added five assists and two steals in the winning effort, while a pair of juniors chipped in. Forward Kelley Foley recorded 12 points and guard Lisa Rasmusson ended with 10 points, four assists and three steals.

Wartburg (2-3) limited the Vikings' offense to 25.9 field goal percentage in the first half. However, a rally in the second stanza by Augustana saw the Knights' lead trimmed to 55-51. The Vikings never got any closer.

The Knights' defense allowed not a single Viking to reach double digits. Kristen Pence and Kristin Romolo tallied nine points each for the visitors, while Christina Rathe and Becky Ince chipped in with eight each.

Earlier in the week, the Knights were stunned in their season opener against Buena Vista in Storm Lake, losing 87-64.

The Beavers ended their 10-game losing streak against the two-time defending Iowa Conference champions, with a 14-0 run late in the second half.

Mohs once again led the Knights, tallying 15 points and eight rebounds. Junior forwards Jessica Mennen and Foley chipped in with 12 and 10 points, respectively.

The Knights are in action next against UW-Platteville at 8 p.m. in Knights Gymnasium. The women also travel to Thousand Oaks, Calif. to compete in the California-Lutheran Tournament Dec. 29-30 before playing host to Central Jan. 3 and Simpson Jan. 4 to continue the conference season.

WARTBURG (68)
Rasmusson 4-8 1-2 10, Fox 3-8 0-0 7, Mohs 4-8 9-11 17, Mennen 2-10 2-3 7, Foley S-9 2-2 12, Medhus 1-4 0-0 3, Roelfs 0-0 0-0 0, Franzen 2-6 0-0 4, Reynolds 1-3 0-0 2, Engler 0-0 0-0 0, Smith 0-3 0-0 0, Berner 3-6 0-1 6. Totals 2S-65 14-19 68.

AUGUSTANA (S7)
Rathe 2-3 4-7 8, Pence 4-20 0-0 9, Romolo 3-7 2-2 9, Honkala 3-9 1-1 7, Ryl 0-2 2-2 2, Bryner 0-0 0-0 0, Ince 3-8 2-6 8, Nelson 1-4 0-0 3, DeRycke 2-2 0-1 4, Selzer 3-8 1-4 7. Totals 21-63 12-23 57.

Halftime–Wartburg 33, Augustana 23.

Three-point goals–Wartburg 4 (Rasmusson, Fox, Menen, Medhus), Augustana 3 (Pence, Romolo, Nelson). Fouled out–None. Rebounds–Wartburg 42 (Mohs 13), Augustana 41 (DeRycke 8).

Assists–Wartburg 16 (Mohs S), Augustana 10 (Romolo 3). Total fouls–Wartburg 18, Augustana 18. Technicals–None.

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'Twas the week before finals

Joshua Smothers
Sports Editor

As many of us are counting down the days, hours and minutes until (insert respective holiday here), we shouldn't forget about the most dreaded invention in all of school history—finals.

Study hard. I guess that's really all the advice I can give.

Then you can all go home or wherever it is you may be traveling for our three-week vacation, to relax, snuggle up by the fireplace next to a loved one in your wool turtlenecks and get a little tipsy off grandma's potent eggnog. You may also get the sudden urge to laugh at people like me who think they've come up with the most clever rendition ever of the infamous Christmas poem, *Account of a Visit from St. Nicholas*, by Clement C. Moore.

Don't forget the most important element of a great holiday break: cheering on the Iowa Hawkeyes as they dismantle USC in the Orange Bowl. After your fair share of eggnog, feel free to give the bowl selection committee a jingle to remind them that the BCS is BS and that they should stick with the tradition of putting a Big 10 team in the Rose Bowl.

Enjoy and travel safely:

'Twas the week before finals, when all through the dorms,
Wartburg student-athletes were exceeding the norms.
The laces tied tight to give their ankles needed care,
In hopes that conference titles soon would be there.
The students were up cramming, unsettled in their beds,
While visions of warm holiday trips danced in their heads.
Studying term-long material for final tests and crap,
Sleeping was not an option, no thoughts of even a nap.
When all through Knights Gymnasium there arose such a clatter,
Wartburg dominated the opposition as if they didn't matter.
Away to the PEC I flew like a flash,
Banners were displayed elegantly, not a sign of a clash.
The moon on the breast of our campus with no snow,
The white stuff is absent and we need some to show.
When, what to my wondering eyes have I seen,
But Dick Peth and his immaculate lineup, all fifteen.
With an intense driver, so lively and quick,
I knew in an instance it was Dan Schuknecht.
Coaches and athletes arrived and more and more came,
Randall Schroeder grabbed the mic and called them by name.
"Now Pipho! Now Olsen! Now Recker and Mennen!
On Mohs! On Fox and the wrestling men!
To the top of the podiums, to the top of the wall!
Now dash away, dash away and win them all!"
As snowflakes that before the winter storm fly,
When met with an obstacle, the Knights mount to the sky.
So up to the gym rooftop, the Knights, they flew,
With teams full of champions, and Jack Ohle too.
As I drew in my head and was turning around,
Into the gym they gracefully entered with a bound.
Ohle was dressed in orange, from his head to his toes,
Promoting our clever new slogan, the one our school chose.
A bundle of trophies he had flung on his back,
We'll need more room for them, another shelf or a rack.
Their eyes how they twinkled, the Knights were so merry,
For the athletics programs were secured by the grace of Gary.
The finest AD in the land should take a well-earned bow,
As the Christmas season draws upon us now.
Monica Severson paces the sidelines gritting her teeth,
Harassing the horrid officiating as her team wins week by week.
They have determined faces, no athletes with a round belly,
The Knights' bodies are hard and firm, like the cafeteria jelly.
None are chubby or plump, but some are as short as an elf,
I must point out that's not bad, though, to protect myself.
A wink of his eye and a twist of his head,
Ohle let me know I had nothing (finals) to dread.
The Knights spoke not a word, but went straight to work,
Continuing the winning tradition with a sly little smirk.
Ohle sprang to his sleigh, to give his teams a whistle,
Away the cagers and grapplers flew like the down of a thistle.
But I heard him exclaim as they drove out of range,
"Merry Christmas to all, and to all BE ORANGE!"

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